Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Head Start has provided comprehensive services, including health, education, social services, and parent involvement opportunities to children and their families giving them a "head start" to achieve success in school and in life; and,

Whereas, Approximately 5,800 children and their families are served annually by South Dakota Head Start programs; and,

Whereas, In addition to focusing on the needs of children, Head Start recognizes parents as the primary caregivers of their children and involves them in the education process, in the decision making process for the program, and hires many qualified parents as Head Start staff; and,

Whereas, Over 1,200 Head Start staff members have shown a high degree of dedication and commitment to children and families in South Dakota; and,

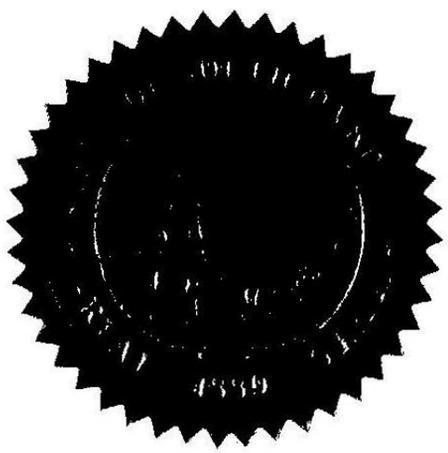
Whereas, Over 9,600 persons provide volunteer services to South Dakota Head Start programs each year; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is pleased to recognize the commitment and dedication of the South Dakota Head Start Association for working to create equal opportunities for all Head Start children, families, and programs to succeed:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as

HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State